

# Augusta Animal Services

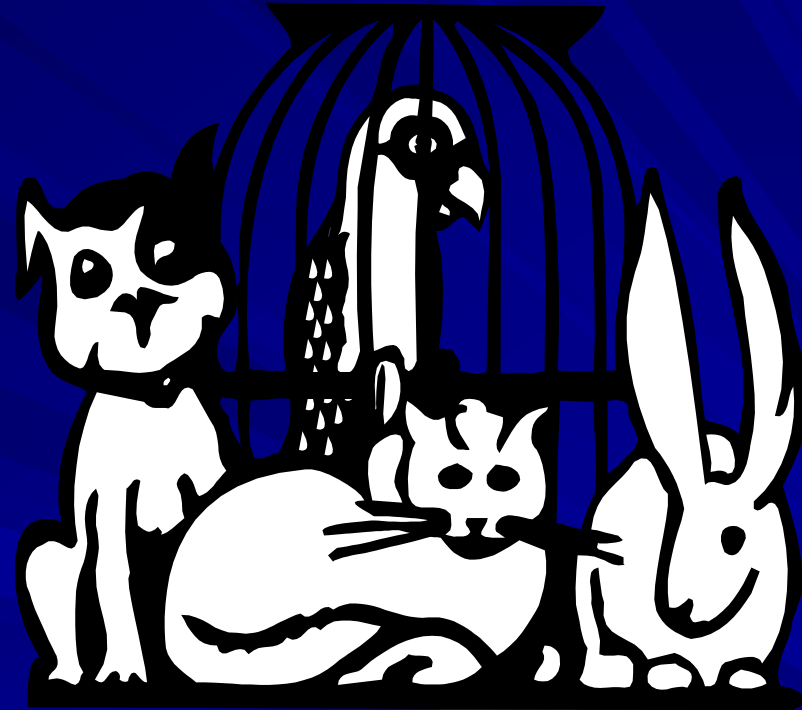
## Volunteer Orientation

# Introduction

- Welcome!
- Thank you for your interest in volunteering
- Introduction
  - Christine Johnson, Coordinator
  - 706-790-6836, ext 8080

# Agenda

- Shelter Mission
- Shelter Services
- Shelter Operations
- Health & Safety
- Health Issues
- Policies
  - Euthanasia
  - Adoption
- Training Schedule
- Things to remember



# Mission Statement

- To protect human safety, property and animal welfare by controlling animals and enforcing the law.



# Services

- Domestic animal capture
- Wild animal capture
- Code and law enforcement
- Removal and disposal of animal carcasses
- Animal sheltering
- Animal welfare
- Rabies control
- Emergency services
- Animal adoptions
- Community education

# Operations

## ■ Services

- Phone: 706-790-6836
- Complaint Investigation
  - Monday-Friday 8:30am – 5pm
- Shelter Services
  - Sunday & Monday Closed
  - Tuesday – Sat 1pm – 5pm

## ■ Emergency after Hours, Weekends & Holidays

- 706-821-1080 Augusta Dispatch



# Health & Safety

## ■ Your Health!!!

- WASH YOUR HANDS
- Immune system problems
  - HIV, Chemotherapy, Other illness
- Pregnancy

## ■ Your Pets Health

- Lysol and laundry
- Visiting the shelter

## ■ Bites and Scratches

- Return the animal immediately to its pen
- Report incident to staff member. IMMEDIATELY



# Health Issues

## ■ Dogs

- Rabies shots (if animal is of age, 4 months)
- Deworming
- Heartworm testing
- 1<sup>st</sup> series of shots (parvo/distemper combo, kennel cough)

## ■ Cats

- Rabies (4 months)
- 1<sup>st</sup> series of shots (feline distemper combo)
- Deworming

# Euthanasia Policies

- All animals surrendered to Animal Services become the sole property of Animal Services.
- Once they are surrendered, it is immediately determined whether adoption is possible.
- Animal Services will make all medically and behaviorally healthy animals available for adoption as long as space allows.
- Animal Services euthanizes or humanely destroys all animals which are poorly socialized, aggressive, sick or injured.

# Adoption Policies

- Counseling
- Paperwork
- Spaying/neutering laws and regulations
- Fees

## DOGS\*

■ Male 25 lbs or less	\$ 60.00
■ Male 25-75 lbs	\$ 70.00
■ Male 75+ lbs	\$ 80.00
■ Female 25 lbs or less	\$ 75.00
■ Female 25-75 lbs	\$ 85.00
■ Female 75+ lbs	\$ 95.00

## CATS\*

Male Cat	\$45.00
Female Cat	\$65.00

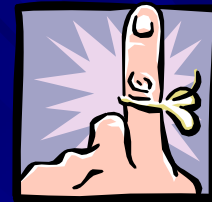
\* prices include: sterilization, 1<sup>st</sup> set of vaccinations, deworming, heartworm testing (if old enough) and rabies vaccination

# Training Schedule

- After orientation, volunteers may:
  - Walk the dogs
  - Socialize the dogs and cats
  - Groom the animals
- Additional training will be provided for:
  - Adoption paperwork
  - Leash training
  - Any other applicable training



# Things to Remember



- Always sign in.
- Always bring a leash.
- Always remember the pen number of the dog you are walking!
- When walking, stay inside the shelter fence.
- Never break up a dog fight.
- Never enter the quarantine areas.
- Always stay safe.
- Have Fun!

# Things to Remember

- **NO OPEN TOE SHOES** are allowed in the kennel area. If you wear open toe shoes, you will **NOT** be allowed to volunteer.
- Bring a leash, if you have one.
- **ALWAYS** remember the **PEN NUMBER** that you took the dog from.

# ???? Questions ????

- Please call Christine at the shelter, 790-6836, to schedule a time to volunteer.
- There will be a short, multiple-choice quiz to make sure you read the presentation.
- You will be required to sign a release statement, before being allowed in the kennel area.